

HA-1806
1924
Bel Air
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

 x 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. 2-2000

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rinehart House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 325 Webster St. ☐ not for publication

city, town Bel Air _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3rd

state MD _____ county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rinehart

street & number 325 Webster St. telephone no.: 838-6570

city, town Bel Air _____ state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1354

street & number _____ folio 570

city, town Bel Air _____ state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No. HA-1606

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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Entry is in the east bay of the front elevation and leads directly to the living room. Kitchen (east) and dining room (west) are to the south. The addition includes an extension to the kitchen, a half bath, and a family room with a stove which vents into a metal chimney on the west elevation. Three bedrooms and a bath upstairs complete this airy, compact interior.

The dark green shingle siding is asbestos. A shed-roofed stoop is over the door in the east elevation.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1500

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1924 Builder/Architect Harry Orsburn

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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According to the Aegis (30 Oct 1924) the first occupant was "Miss McConnie, who is connected with the State Department of Health." Owner Harry Hinman (1968-1981), who worked with the Harford County Department of Education, added the family room and bath to the rear (south). Present owner Carroll Rinehart, a computer programmer at Social Security in Woodlawn, was raised across the back fence in the Rider House [HA-1814] at 326 East Broadway, where his sister, Dottie Basl, lives today. His brother owns another East Broadway house, which indicates that both the houses and the neighborhood retain their charm and usefulness after 70 years, as well as the distance one resident is willing to commute to be able to raise his children there.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1300

Harford County Land records
Site visit and interview, 19 Apr 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 384 in the Town of Bel Air, 60' [Webster St.] x 109'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Lareworganization _____ date 5-27-93street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557city or town New Park state PA 17352

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-202
514-7600

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Rinehart House
325 Webster
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Carroll P. Rinehart

1345/570 18 July 1986
Carroll Rinehart
to
Carroll P. Rinehart and Pamela F.
64, 65, 66 in block A of Ingleside
with a \$56,000 mortgage 1345/572

1252/421 19 Nov 1984
Curtis C. Huff and Rita
to
Carroll Rinehart
\$74,000

1156/4 31 Dec 1981
Harry B. Hinman and Beth Y.
to
Curtis C. Huff and Rita M.
\$54,500

784/296 23 July 1968
Cyril V. Childs and Barbara J.
Albert C. Cesky and Jane C.
to
Harry B. Hinman and Beth Y.

754/489 14 Sept 1967
Georgia E. Howard, attorney
to
Cyril V. Childs and Albert C. Cesky
default of mortgage 663/49 24 Nov 1964 Robert L. Moore
and Rosa I. to Childs for \$12,700. He sold half to
Albert C. Cesky

663/47 10 Apr 1941
Mary B. McComas, widow
to
Robert L. Moore and Rosa I.

265/205 10 Apr 1941
Mary B. McComas, widow
to
self

Circuit Court decree 7 Nov 1940 in case of Mary B.
McComas, individually and as administratrix of Emory A.
McComas vs. Charles H. McComas and William A. McComas,
individually and as administrators of M. Stanley

McComas (equity docket 3/29). Emory A. McComas and M. Stanley McComas did business as McComas Brothers. Mary B. McComas was appointed trustee to make a division of property held by them. This property is parcel 7.

- 191/307 24 Jan 1925
Harry W. Orsburn and Fren A.
to
Emory A. and M. Stanley McComas trading as McComas Bros.
- 181/490 12 May 1923
J. Edwim Webster and Dora R.
to
Harry W. Orsburn and Fern A.
lots 64-73 in block A
lots 20-22, 66-68 in block B of Ingleside
with the restrictive covenants: no house on Conowingo Rd. (Hickory) shall cost less than \$4000 and on other streets of Ingleside, \$3000. Set back on Conowingo is 35 ft., and 30 ft. on other streets. No African-Americans except servants. No commercial use for 25 years. Webster owned Ingleside.

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Bel Air Quadrangle

The map shows the Bel Air area in Harford County, Maryland. Key features include:

- Topography:** Contour lines indicating elevations from 200 to 400 feet.
- Waterways:** Bynum Run, Heavenly Waters, Winters Run, and Plumtree Run.
- Roads:** VALE ROAD, HEIGHE ROAD, MC PHAIL, PATTISON, and WHITAKER MILL ROAD.
- Landmarks:** Harford Co. Detention Center, Bel Air Memorial Gardens, St. Margaret's Sch, St. Emmanuel Ch, County Jail, County Health Bldg, Ames Ch, Calvary Ch High Sch, Middle School, Harford Mall, Watervale, Heavenly Waters Park, Shamrock Park, Bynum Run Park, and Childrens Fresh Air Camp.
- Infrastructure:** Railroad Grade, Tollgate, and a Power Plant.
- Location of Rinehart House:** Indicated by a black arrow pointing to a location on a road near St. Margaret's School and the County Jail.



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